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Washington, D.C.
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Dear Sir:

Re: **United States Patent Application No. 10/816,840**
Filed April 5, 2004
For: AIR FLOW PASSAGE FOR A VACUUM CLEANER
Applicant: Conrad

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and in recognition of the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement including (1) a listing of patents and other publications of which applicant is aware on form PTO-1449; (2) a copy of each listed item.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(c), where two or more patents or publications are merely cumulative, a copy of just one of these patents or publications is enclosed. Alternatively, where one such patent or publication is already of record, no further cumulative patents or publications are enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), the Examiner is referred to the parent case, namely United States Patent No. 6,737,873 for a copy of the references.

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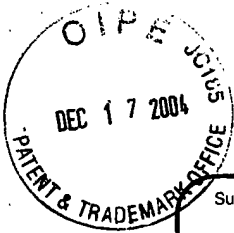
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